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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of HASC Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI)
          Panel on Soviet Offensive and Defensive Capabilities

1. On 5 July 1988, Andy Ellis of the HASC Staff contacted
the undersigned and requested a briefing of their SDI Panel on
the offensive and defensive capabilities of the Soviets.
25X1 Arrangements were made for [   ] currently the Assistant
25X1 NIO/SP and [   ] the Acting Chief of the Offensive
Operations Branch/SOVA to give the briefing. A prebrief was
held on 11 July with Ellis and Carl Bayer to ensure that the
required issues were being addressed in the brief. At that
time it was determined that it would be helpful to have a
25X1 technical briefer to answer questions and [   ]
Chief, Ballistic Missiles Branch/OSWR was added to the team.

2. The briefing was conducted in Rayburn 2337 at 1000 on
13 July. Security was present having swept the room and they
monitored the door. A transcript was taken and security
accompanied it to be transcribed. The staffers had neglected
to notify the Capital Hill Police that a door monitor was
required and an officer had to be obtained at the last
minute. (We also provided our own vugraph machine as the
staff was not helpful in the logistics area.)

3. The following members were present:

Mr. Spratt, Chairman   Mr. Ray
Mr. Kyl   Mr. Hochbrueckner
Mr. Jack Davis   Mr. Hunter

4. The following staff members were present:

Robert E. Schafer   Andy Ellis
Carl Bayer   Dave Erickson
Sharon Knott

5. Two DIA officers attended the briefing as well as Walt
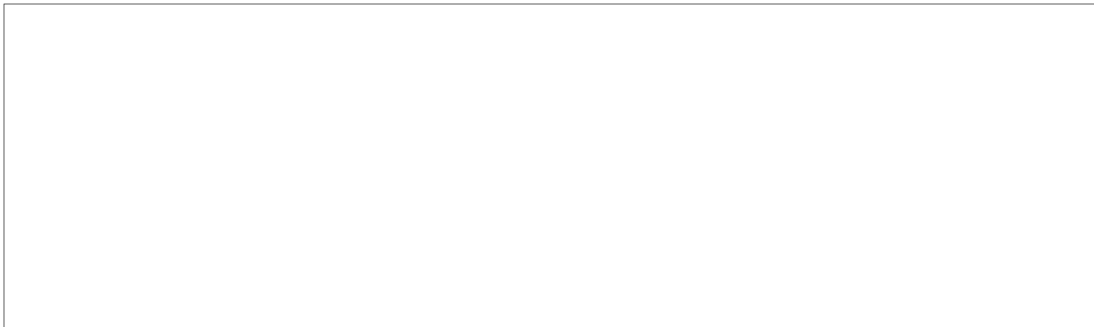Siberling of the SDI Staff.

6. The transcript contains the full account of the
briefing and the questions and answers that followed. There

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are four action items that remain as a result of the various questions. They are:
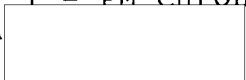
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